

Oblivion. We do not want it dispenced with for the purpose of pressing any one, but we want a Law to make a man pay his just debts at the propper time, and not let him or any one have the chance to tell a man when called upon for his money that he will pay him when the Stay Laws is done away with, and not before. All that a man can do at present is to stand buy and see a man dispose of his property, put the money in his Pocket and then get it if you can. The Class of men that this Law was intended to benefit are now reaping the bitter fruits of it. We are anctious for something to be done with regard to the Whiskey Distilleries and prevent the Corn and Wheat from being destroyed in such a way. The contend that the Soldiers must have it, and in order to meet their wants at this present time, (they) the owners of Distilleries will not hesitate to take the bread from the hands of the Pore Women and Children that the Soldiers have left at home, make it into Whiskey, and then have the audacity to sell it at four times its worth, or what they ought to have for it, agreeable to what they Paid for the Grain.

We could give you a long list of names and they of the most responsible men in favor of the sentiments of this letter, but deem it unnecessary at present.

let us hear from you both soon, and give us your views upon the Two Subjects, and Oblidge us.

*From Edwin G. Reade*

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Roxboro',

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I hope it would not be thought impertinent in any one to suggest even a crude thought looking to the peace of the country. I am extremely loth that our Convention should adjourn, without some action indicating a desire to adjust, as at some time sooner or later must be adjusted, the difficulties which distract the whole Country. With sincerity I say, that I do not know any one who can approach the Convention upon this delicate subject with more propriety than yourself. You have a better standpoint, however, for determining the propriety of such a move, than I have, and I am sure you will believe that I have too high an appreciation of your usefulness in the State, to desire you to do anything that would lessen your influence. What follows has occurred to me in